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asking your indulgence by requesting that LB 414 be read on Final Reading today, rather on Monday, because there isn't going to be much change in this house because senators are going to be gone anyway. It is a problem that has to be corrected or else an individual licensee is going to find himself paying the full fee in Omaha but only getting his portion of paying for six months. That is exactly what LB 414, the principle reason of the bill by the Liquor Commission.

PRESIDENT: The question is the suspension of the rules. Senator C . . . and you're specifically talking about rule 7 . . . the change of order. Section 1 of rule 7. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, this isn't to argue but I misunderstood something you said about a refund. I don't understand these licenses so could he run over that point. I don't . . .

SENATOR MAHONEY: (mic inactivated) . . . probably going to need some help too. What they do, once a year Senator Chambers, they put out the initial fee which I think is seven hundred and some dollars. The Liquor Commission felt that rather than having two or three people having to work maybe past eight hours and having to work real hard all at one season when they come in at one time that this thing should be just like your drivers license plates, divided like drivers license plates are changing so we have a monthly basis. This would be at least twice a year, you could come in and get your license and pay the same amount. They're not going to pay less. They're not going to be paying more. What they're going to be doing is having two periods of a year that they'll be taking their license out, May 1st and October 1st. The problem is that we've got a couple days left in April, if the Governor doesn't sign the bill, our licensees in Omaha . . . I think I received probably four or five phone calls since 10 o'clock this morning. I think over this weekend we're going to get a lot more of them because there's going to be little licensees and big licensees that will say I'm going to lose half my fee and I don't think it's fair. So that's why I'm asking for it to be read.

PRESIDENT: Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON: The bill . . . Mr. President, members of the body, the bill that Senator Mahoney is asking to be read on Final Reading is a Miscellaneous Subjects Committee bill. This time I do agree with him. We are under some extreme time pressure here. This thing should be decided as soon as possible. May 1st is the deadline for renewal. The change in renewal period has to be established before that time. Actually it should have been established quite a while ago. The process has been slow. I hope that you will go along with him on this motion.